

Not everything will run perfectly on Election Day. Still, U.S. elections are remarkably reliable

By GARY FIELDS **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Election Day, some voting lines will likely be long and some precincts may run out of ballots. An election office website could go down temporarily and ballot-counting machines will jam. Or people who help run elections might just act like the humans they are, forgetting their key to a local polling place so it has to open later than scheduled.

These kinds of glitches have occurred throughout the history of U.S. elections. Yet election workers across America have consistently pulled off presidential elections and accurately tallied the results — and there's no reason to believe this year will be any different.



People wait to vote in-person at Reed High School in Sparks, Nev., prior to polls closing on Nov. 3, 2020.

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Choice of Appetizers

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Elections are a foundation of democracy. They also are human exercises that, despite all the laws and rules governing how they should run, can sometimes appear to be messy. They're conducted election officials and volunteers in thousands of jurisdictions across the United States, from tiny townships to sprawling urban counties with more voters than some states have people.

It's a uniquely American system that, despite its imperfections, reliably produces certified outcomes that stand up to scrutiny. That's true even in an era of misinformation and hyperpartisanship.

"Things will go wrong," said Jen Easterly, the director of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

None of these will mean the election is tainted or rigged or is being stolen. But Easterly said election offices need to be transparent about the hiccups so they can get ahead of misinformation and attempts to exploit routine problems as a way to undermine confidence in the election results.

"At the end of the day, we need to recognize things will go wrong. They always do," Easterly said. "It will really come down to how state and local election officials communicate about those things going wrong." An election problem? It's likely human error

It wasn't that long ago when American voters accepted the results, even if their preferred presidential



A voter fills out their Ohio primary election ballot at a polling location in Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

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candidate lost.

Even in 2000, when 104 million votes came down to a 5-to-4 Supreme Court decision that effectively made Republican George W. Bush the president, his opponent, Democrat Al Gore, quickly conceded. The republic moved on peacefully.

Times have changed dramatically since then.

The internet, false claims and a voting public susceptible to conspiratorial theories about widespread voter fraud have changed that. Trust in the system is low, particularly among Republican voters whose perceptions have been shaped by a steady drumbeat of lies about the 2020 election by Donald Trump, the former president who is the Republican nominee on the Nov. 5 ballot.

At his campaign rallies, Trump continues to claim that the only way he can lose is if the other side rigs the election. In fact, it would be virtually impossible for anyone to ria a U.S. presidential race given the This has come despite decentralized nature of the Trump and his allies los-

are run by thousands of municipal or county voting jurisdictions.

What is more likely are simple mistakes and technical mishaps that occur during every election.

"When elections are very close and you have to look under the hood, sometimes you find some problems. Almost always those problems are the result of human error, incompetence not malfeasance," said Rick Hasen, an election law expert and professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Both voter fraud and election administrator fraud is currently very rare in the United States. When it does happen, it's not that hard to catch because of the safeguards in the system." Why do we need this dis-

cussion? Distrust in elections is real and has serious conse-

quences. Lies about the 2020 election being rigged were a catalyst for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capi-

country's elections, which ing dozens of court cases In Jackson, Mississippi, a bal-

aimed at reversing his loss to Democrat Joe Biden. Even a commission Trump created while president to investigate the 2016 election in hopes of identifying widespread voter fraud found none. Special police units established by a few Republican governors came up similarly empty-handed when they searched for widespread fraud during the 2022 midterm elections.

In addition to the court cases, Trump's own attorney general and reviews, recounts and audits in the presidential battleground states found no evidence of widespread fraud and affirmed Biden's victory. That hasn't mattered.

As late as 2023, a sizable portion of Republicans believed Biden was not the legitimately elected, and election conspiracy theories have taken root in Republican-leaning communities.

It would be incorrect to say there is never any fraud associated with elections. But in the 2020 election, an Associated Press investigation in the battleground states where Trump disputed his loss found an amount too small to alter the election. In most cases, it was individuals acting alone, not as part of a grand conspiracy to throw the election.

"The story of the last few decades is that voting systems in the United States are very secure," said Robert Lieberman, a political science professor at Johns Hopkins University.

If not fraud, then what should we expect? Basic mistakes, whether hu-

man or technical.

lot problem was blamed on inexperience and lack of training. In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, inexperience was again the culprit when polling places ran out of ballots.

Sometimes the envelopes used to return the mailed ballots can create problems. The Pennsylvania Department of State recently announced on X that because of high humidity levels in much of the state, "some voters are finding that their mail-in ballots have the return envelope already sealed." It advised voters to contact their local election office for next steps.

Paper was the culprit in a Maricopa County, Arizona, in 2022 when the ballot printers had problems and caused large backups in voter lines.

Potential problems on the horizon

One of the major concerns heading into the 2024 presidential election is the high turnover in election offices across the country, in particular in some of the presidential battlegrounds, said Edward B. Foley, a law professor who leads Ohio State University's election law program.

Before the 2022 midterms, for example, 10 of Nevada's 17 counties had turnover among their clerk or registration positions, which oversee voting.

Threats and harassment from those who believe election conspiracy theories have fueled the attrition. Despite all the training election workers receive, there's no substitute for the experience of going through a major election cycle.



TikTok is designed to be addictive to kids and causes them harm, U.S. states' lawsuits say

By HALELUYA HADERO and **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

More than a dozen states and the District of Columbia filed lawsuits against TikTok on Tuesday, saying that the popular short-form video app is designed to be addictive to kids and harms their mental health. The lawsuits stem from a national investigation into TikTok, which was launched in March 2022 by a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general from many states, including New York, California, Kentucky and New Jersey. All of the complaints were filed in state courts.

At the heart of each lawsuit is the TikTok algorithm, which powers what users see on the platform by populating the app's main "For You" feed with content tailored to people's interests. The lawsuits note TikTok design features that they say addict children to the platform, such as the ability to scroll endlessly through content, push notifications that come with built-in "buzzes" and face filters that create unattainable appearances for users. "They've chosen profit over the health and safety, well-being and future of our children," California Attorney General Rob Bonta said at a news conference in San Francisco. "And that is not something we can accept. So we've sued." The latest lawsuits come

nearly a year after dozens of states sued Instagram parent Meta Platforms Inc. in state and federal courts for harming young people and contributing to the youth mental health crisis by knowingly and deliberately designing addictive features that keep kids hooked on their platforms. The legal challenges, which also include Google's You-Tube, are part of a growing reckoning against social media companies and the lawsuits were filed after their effects on young people's lives. In some cases, the challenges have been coordinated in a way that addressing to the issues, a resembles how states previously organized against the tobacco and pharmaceu-

tical industries.

could trap many young us-

ers into excessive use and keep them on its app for

hours on end. TikTok does

this despite knowing that

these behaviors will lead to

"profound psychological and physiological harms,"

such as anxiety, depres-

sion, body dysmorphia and

other long-lasting prob-

the company had been

working with the attorneys

general for two years on

"We strongly disagree

with these claims, many of

which we believe to be in-

spokesman said.

lems, the complaint said. TikTok is disappointed that



The TikTok logo is seen on their building in Culver City, Calif., March 11, 2024.

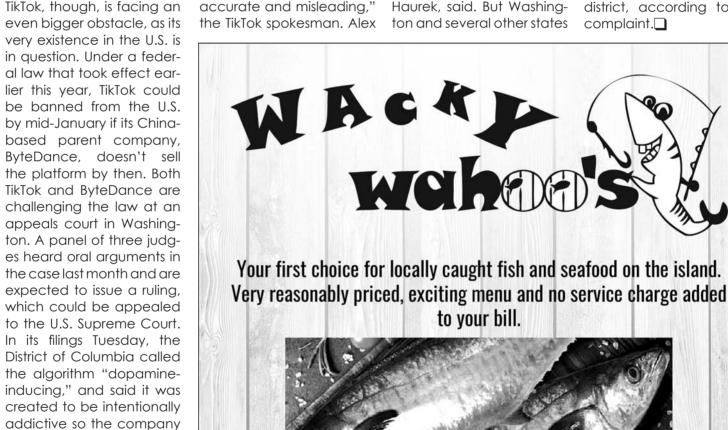
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accurate and misleading,"

Haurek, said. But Washing-

said in their filings that children can easily bypass those restrictions, allowing them to access the service adults use despite the company's claims that its platform is safe for children.

The District of Columbia alleges TikTok is operating as an "unlicensed virtual economy" by allowing people to purchase TikTok Coins – a virtual currency within the platform - and send "Gifts" to streamers on TikTok LIVE who can cash it out for real money. TikTok takes a 50% commission on these financial transactions but hasn't registered as a money transmitter with the U.S. Treasury Department or authorities in the district, according to the





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Supreme Court seems open to upholding regulations on ghost guns

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court seemed likely Tuesday to uphold a Biden administration regulation on ghost guns, the difficultto-trace weapons found in increasing numbers at crime scenes. In arguments that ranged from classic cars to Western omelets, key conservative justices seemed open to the government's argument that kits allowina people to make nearly untraceable guns at home can be regulated like other firearms.

Two conservative justices, Chief John Roberts and Amy Coney Barrett, previously joined with the three liberals to allow the rule to go into effect and seemed skeptical of the arguments that the Biden administration overstepped by trying to regulate gun parts rather than finished weapons.

Many of the justices' questions focused on whether the kits were close enough to functioning weapons to be regulated as guns.

Justice Samuel Alito compared the components



Ghost guns are displayed at the headquarters of the San Francisco Police Department, in San Francisco, Nov. 27, 2019.

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to food, suggesting eggs, peppers and ham aren't necessarily a Western omelet so shouldn't be treated like one. Barrett, though, proposed gun kits are more like meal kits ordered online that contain everything needed to make a specific dinner, like turkey chili.

Roberts, for his part, seemed

skeptical of the challengers' position that the kits are mostly popular with hobbyists who enjoy making their own weapons, like auto enthusiasts might rebuild a car on the weekend.

Many ghost gun kits require only the drilling of a few holes and removal of plastic tabs. "My understanding is that it's not terribly difficult for someone to do this," he said. "Drilling a hole or two, I would think, doesn't give the same sort of reward that you get from working on your car on the weekend."

A ruling is expected in the coming months. While guns are at the center of the case, Garland v. VanDerStok, the

legal issues are about the power of federal agencies rather than Second Amendment rights. The case comes after the high court struck down another firearm regulation, a Trump-era ban on gun accessories known as bump stocks that enable rapid fire. In that case, the court found that the Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives wrongly categorized the accessories as machine guns. The ghost gun regulation came after their numbers around the country soared, going from fewer than 4,000 recovered by law enforcement in 2018 to nearly 20,000 in 2021, according to Justice Department data.

The number of ghost guns has since flattened out or declined in several major cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Baltimore, according to court documents.

Finalized at the direction of President Joe Biden, the rule requires companies to treat the kits like other firearms by adding serial numbers, running background checks and verifying that buyers are 21 or older.

Investigation finds widespread discrimination against Section 8 tenants in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California tenants who held Section 8 housing vouchers were refused rental contracts by more than 200 landlords, including major real estate firms, according to an undercover investigation that found widespread discrimination in the state.

The investigative nonprofit Housing Rights Initiative announced Tuesday that it has filed complaints with the California Civil Rights Department, alleging landlords violated a state law against denying leases to renters who pay with vouchers. It seeks penalties against 203 companies and individuals.

The nonprofit is also pushing for more state funding to adequately enforce the law, which Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom signed in 2019.

"This historic filing serves as

an opportunity for the Governor and his housing enforcement agency to enforce the very bill he signed into law and hold violators accountable," the Housing Rights Initiative said in a statement.

Newsom's office referred

comment on the filing to the state Civil Rights Department.

Rishi Khalsa, a department spokesperson, said the agency is "deeply committed to using the tools at its disposal to combat discrimination in housing." The



A boy walks past an apartment building as people gather around an inflatable waterslide during a birthday party at the Nickerson Gardens housing project in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles, Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

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department has reached more than 200 settlements related to similar discrimination in recent years, Khalsa said.

"We always welcome additional support to strengthen enforcement of civil rights and we continue to work with a range of partners in those efforts," he said in an email Tuesday.

The goal of the Section 8 program, named for a component of the federal Housing Act, is to keep rental properties affordable and prevent homelessness, which has reached crisis levels in California. Under the program, which has a long waiting list, tenants typically pay about 30% of their income on rent, with the voucher covering the rest

Over the course of a year, undercover investigators posing as prospective

tenants reached out via text messages to landlords, property managers and real estate agents to determine compliance with California's fair housing laws. The investigation found voucher holders were explicitly discriminated against 44% of the time in San Francisco. Voucher denials took place in 53% of cases in Oakland, 58% in San Jose, and 70% in Los Angeles.

In one text message exchange, an agent with EXP Realty, a national brokerage firm, tells an investigator posing as a prospective tenant that utilities are included in the monthly rate for a rental unit.

When informed that the tenant has a Section 8 voucher, the agent responds, "I don't work with that program," according to the investigation.



MI5 spy chief says Russia and Iran are behind a 'staggering' rise in deadly plots

By JILL LAWLESS **Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — Britain is facing a "staggering rise" in attempts at assassination, sabotage and other crimes on U.K. soil by Russia and Iran, as the two states recruit criminals to "do their dirty work," the head of Britain's domestic intelligence agency said Tuesday.

MI5 Director General Ken McCallum said his agents and police have tackled 20 "potentially lethal" plots backed by Iran since 2022 and warned that it could expand its targets in the United Kingdom if conflicts in the Middle East deepen. So far, the threats have been aimed at Iranians abroad who oppose the country's authorities. But McCallum said there is the risk "of an increase in or broadening of Iranian state aggression in the U.K." if the Middle East crisis escalates with Israel launching a major attack in response to Iran's recent missile bar-

In a rare public speech setting out the major threats to the U.K. from both states and militant groups, Mc-Callum argued that hostile states, radicalized individuals and a revived Islamic State group have combined to create "the most



Ken McCallum, Director General of MI5, delivers the annual Director General's speech at Counter Terrorism Operations Centre in west London, Tuesday Oct. 8, 2024.

Associated Press

complex and interconwe've ever seen."

McCallum said there also is a risk that Israel's conflicts with Iran-backed groups the militant Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon as well as the Houthi rebels in Yemen could trigger attacks in the U.K., though so far the crisis has not translated "at scale into terrorist violence" in Britain.

The number of state-threat investigations undertaken by MI5 has risen by 48% in edented pace and scale."

the past year, with Iran, nected threat environment Russia and China the main perpetrators, McCallum told iournalists at the U.K.'s counterterrorism command center in London.

> McCallum said that since the death of Mahsa Amini, who died in Iranian police custody in September 2022 after being detained for allegedly violating the Islamic republic's mandatory headscarf law, "we've seen plot after plot here in the U.K., at an unprec

He said MI5 and the police have responded to 20 potentially lethal Iran-backed plots since January 2022. up by a third from the figure of 15 the government gave at the end of January.

McCallum said Russia's military intelligence agency was trying to use "arson, sabotage and more" to create "mayhem" on the streets of Britain and other European countries.

Both Russia and Iran often turn to criminals, "from international drug traffickers to low-level crooks," to carry out their illegal deeds, he said.

Several alleged statebacked plots have led to criminal charges. In December, a Chechen man was jailed for allegedly carrying out reconnaissance on the offices of a dissident Iranian broadcaster in London. Separately, several suspects are awaiting trial in London over an alleged Russia-linked plan to attack Ukrainian-owned business-

Britain is not alone in pointing a finger at Moscow and Tehran. Germany has arrested several people for allegedly spying or planning attacks on behalf of Russia. In May, Sweden's domestic security agency accused Iran of using criminal networks to target Israeli or Jewish interests in the Scandinavian country. Past speeches by McCallum and other U.K. intelligence chiefs have emphasized China's increasingly assertive behavior, which in 2022 McCallum called Britain's greatest "strategic challenge."

On Tuesday, McCallum stressed the importance of the U.K.-China economic relationship said there were "risks to be managed."

China puts provisional tariffs on European brandy after EU OKs duties on Chinese EVs

By KEN MORITSUGU **Associated Press**

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese drinkers may pay more for Remy Martin and other European brandies after the government announced on Tuesday provisional tariffs of 30.6% to 39% on those liquors, four days after a majority of European Union countries approved duties on electric vehicles made in China.

The tit-for-tat move potentially gives Chinese negotiators leverage in talks with the EU on reducing or eliminating the tariffs of up to 35.3% on Chinese EVs, which would take effect at

the end of this month.

The brandy tariffs are provisional and require importers to make a deposit with the Chinese customs agency starting Friday.

The announcement followed a preliminary finding by China's Commerce Ministry in late August that European brandy was being dumped in China, threatening "substantial damage" to domestic produc-

China has opened a series of anti-dumping investigations into European brandy, pork and dairy products as a now year-old EU in-

vestigation into Chinese EV exports has progressed through various stages.

The brandy probe was the first and targeted mainly for the amount of the tariff, French makers of cognac and similar spirits such as Armagnac. France has supported the investigation into Chinese-made EVs, while Germany, whose automakers fear retaliation in the Chinese market, has opposed it.

> China is studying whether to raise tariffs on imported cars with large engines, a Commerce Ministry spokesperson confirmed Tuesday in an online report from state broadcaster CCTV.

The provisional tariffs on lar to the EU duties on elecbrandy vary by brand, simi-

tric cars made in China. 🔲



Bottles of brandy are seen on a shelf at a supermarket in Hangzhou in eastern China's Zhejiang province Tuesday, Oct. 08, 2024.

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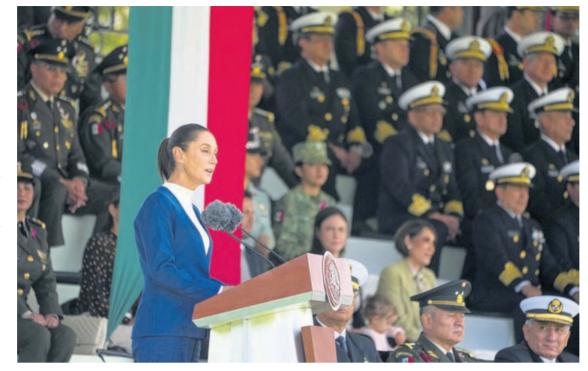
Mexico's president lays out a plan to combat cartel violence. But it looks like more of the same

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's new president laid out a plan Tuesday to combat drug cartel violence, but analysts say it appears to be largely a continuation of previous policy.

President Claudia Sheinbaum said that she plans to increase intelligence and investigative work, but her main focus will apparently remain the "hugs, not bullets" approach used by her predecessor.

Sheinbaum took over last week from her mentor, former President Andres Manuel López Obrador, who largely failed in his own plan to bring down Mexico's homicide rate. López Obrador refused to confront the cartels, instead relying on the armed forces and appeals to gangs to keep the peace.

"There is a continuity in the militarization of public safety," Mexican security analyst David Saucedo said. "There will also be a continuation of social programs to try to prevent youths from being recruited by or-



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum addresses the Armed Forces at Campo Marte in Mexico City, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024.

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ganized crime."

Sheinbaum's top security official, Omar García Harfuch, said that "we will continue with the strategy begun in the administration of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, to give priority attention to the poorest families."

Mike Vigil, a former head of the DEA's foreign operations, said that the new plan appears to be "more of the same."

In 2023, Mexico had a homicide rate of about 24 per 100,000 inhabitants, more than four times higher than the U.S. rate. But officials

said that they were also worried about extortion, a crime that the cartels have increasingly turned to along with migrant smuggling, to supplement their income.

Sheinbaum blamed the killings in Guanajuato, the state with the highest num-

ber of homicides in Mexico, on low wages.

"Clearly, in Guanajuato there is a development model that has failed," she said.

But Saucedo said that poverty doesn't explain it. Guanajuato is an industrial and farming hub where drug use is relatively high, but it also has rail and highway links that cartels are fighting over, because they are used to move drugs toward the border with the United States.

"According to that logic, the entire country would have the same problem, because there are low wages in the whole country," Saucedo said.

In the last weeks of López Obrador's presidency, Mexico's Congress formally handed the National Guard over to the control of the Defense Department. The 120,000-member force was originally supposed to be under civilian command, but had already been largely trained and recruited by the army.

Dominican Republic starts mass deportations of Haitians and expels nearly 11,000 in a week

By MARTÍN ADAMES AL-CÁNTARA and DÁNICA COTO

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The
Dominican Republic said
Tuesday it has deported or
repatriated nearly 11,000

Haitians in the past week alone, fulfilling a pledge that it will do so weekly as neighboring Haiti scrambles to handle the influx, besieged by poverty and agna violence.

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The Dominican government announced last week



Undocumented Haitians detained by immigration officials stand inside a police vehicle, in Dajabon, Dominican Republic, May 17, 2024.

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that it would deport up to 10,000 Haitians a week, citing an "excess" of immigrants as relations between the two countries that share the island of Hispaniola continue to sour.

The announcement prompted Haitian officials to request an emergency meeting at the Organization of American States, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

"The forced and mass deportation of our Haitian compatriots from the Dominican Republic is a violation of the fundamental principles of human dignity," Haitian Prime Minister Garry Conille wrote on social media platform X on Tuesday morning.

Activists say the deportations are putting the lives of thousands at risk as Haiti struggles to contain rampant gang violence and emerge from deepening poverty.

A U.N.-backed mission led by Kenyan police that began earlier this year is facing a lack of funds and personnel as it tries to quell gang violence.

Dominique Dupuy, Haiti's foreign affairs minister, condemned what she called "dehumanizing acts."

"The brutal scenes of roundups and deportations that we are witnessing are an affront to human dignity," she wrote Monday on X.

The mass deportations also have led to an increase in abandoned children across the Dominican Republic, warned activist William Charpentier, coordinator for the Dominican-based National Coalition for Migrations and Refugees.

"They take their parents, or one of the parents, and leave the children behind, even while they're in school," he said.

Charpentier called the mass deportations "a type of persecution against Black people, against everything they presume to be Haitian."

He said even people with legal documents are being detained and deported, a practice that activists say has occurred in previous years as well.

Complaints about extortions also have surged.

Ocicle Batista, a 45-yearold Haitian migrant who sells avocados in the capital, Santo Domingo, accused soldiers of demanding anywhere from \$230 to \$330 to avoid deportations "even when they have their papers in hand," she said of the migrants.

"We come here to work," she said.□





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Alto Vista chapel and its link to Aruba's origins

According to Etnia Nativa, in the 18th century most of the inhabitants of Aruba were indigenous who lived on the north coast, one of the largest communities lived in Alto Vista.

As they were very religious, they had a chief with the name of Antonio Silvester who guided them in the Christian life and it was he who decided to build a stone chapel with a roof of corn rods, which would serve as a place of prayer. In 1750 it was blessed by Father Algamesi who came from Coro-Venezuela and appointed Domingo Antonio Silvester as the island's first prosecutor in the name of the Spanish crown and Rome. In 1752 the

prosecution passed into the hands of Antonio Silvester's son-in-law, Miguel Álvarez, who continued to guide the parishioners in their prayers.

According to the book, The History of Alto Vista by R.H. Nooyen, it is not known when Domingo Antonio Silvester came to Aruba from Venezuela. The elders believe Antonio was a Spaniard. In 1780, father Joseph Antonio de la Vegal called Bernardino Silvester, one of Antonio's sons with his wife Anna Cathalina Tromp, "neighbors and naturals of the island Aruba" and thus they became natives.

At the end of the eighteen century many inhabitants the island died as a result of the

black fever epidemic and since people believed that the Alto Vista area was the most infected, they began to build their homes further south within the Noord area, so the town of Noord began to grow into a community till getting its own Church. However religious festivals continued to be celebrated at this sacred native place, with the custom of arriving in procession to Alto Vista.

Two-hundred years after the beautiful time of Alto Vista, people can no longer see much of the town of Alto Vista from 1750. With a lot of work they found the old foundations of the Church of the Queen of the Holiest Rosary to build a new cha-

pel on the same place. The entire surrounding area was empty and desolated, making it hard to imagine that Alto Vista was a town at all. A hundred years later, people can see the remains of around twenty houses, some made of stone and others of clay. Nowadays, only around six of these houses remain.

South of the chapel in the yard two graves can be observed, there was the cemetery which father Pablo de Algemesi blessed. It is not certain, but it is believed that the two graves belong to Antonio Silvester and Miguel Alvares, according to Nooyen. About 50 meters near the chapel there are still the markings of an old

house, where Antonio and Bernardino Silvester would have lived. About 200 meters from the chapel there is a water tank which the locals call Tanki Cacique. In the past this tank was closed. But mostly water was brought out from the Poz di Noord, a well dug in the sand.

The chapel can be viewed from basically any point in the north side, even from Paradera and Sero Plat. All the historical remains around the chapel provide us with an idea on how the old people of Alto Vista used to live. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a place of historical significance with a window to Aruba's past.



Aruba's underwater wonderland

ORANJESTAD - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.



Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamento, Papiamento is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken word war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous



beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many underwater wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven.







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Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS— At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Caribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas - more than anywhere else on the island.

Flow of history

if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoone another.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barbershop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment.

Carnival Euphoria is showcasing

ria, all within walking distance from Aruba's Carnival. See how are Carnival has developed over the past 65 years.

The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art pieces that keep



brightening up SunriseCity.

Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in discovering genuine and locally made arts and crafts which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolas has

Enjoy one of the best views on Aruba at the top of the Hooiberg Hill



(Oranjestad)—If you are a regular hiker, or maybe want to spice up your morning work out session, then you might enjoy one of the most popular climbing sites on the island: The Hooiberg Hill. Accompanied with a 600-step staircase, this hill overlooks a great part of the island, the Caribbean sea, and sometimes even the Santa Anna mountain located in the coastal state of Falcon in Venezuela, providing one of the best views you can get on Aruba.

located at the center dis-

trict of the island, Santa Cruz, the Hooiberg Hill is the second highest point on the island at 165 meters above sea level (or about 540 feet above sea level). The highest point is Jamanota Hill at 189 meters (620 feet), located in the Arikok National Park.

The staircase that run on the side of the hill was first built in 1951, when Mr. Eduardo Tromp constructed it. At that time, the staircase faced erosion, the govern- day. ment decided to renovate

these stairs in 1991. This new project delivered the newer staircase with only 587 steps. However, don't be fooled—it may still be a work out to get on top. In addition, there is now a gazebo placed halfway up the stair for a little rest. The view at this resting stop is also a sight to see.

The best time to climb the hill would be early in the morning or right before sunset, as it may not be as consisted of 900 steps. hot. However, the hill is of Over time, as the steps course open all day, every







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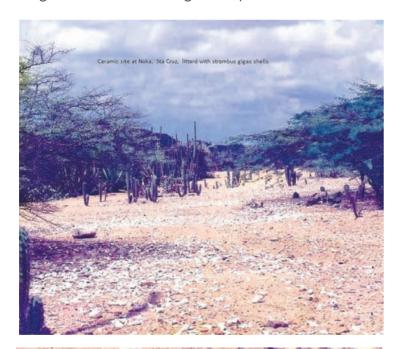


Aruban ceramics sites

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During this episode, we will share a bit about the ceramics sites of the island. These sites contain archaeological features of national and international importance of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) that we consider best represent our natural heritage in terms of ethnic origins and iconic cultural values.

Aruba has fifty-eight locations accepted; areas classified as Ceramic Period Sites, which had an open heart burning during the Ceramic Period (ca. 1000–1515 AD). While two stone exploitation sites were probably used in an epoch before by a pre-Ceramic period people who should be included in this time frame. We should also consider the ceramic period sites containing colonial artifacts of great importance. There are





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six sites that are considered to be Co-Ionial Amerindian Period sites. Primarily within the archaeological record are three sites: Tanki Flip, east Aruba; Santa Cruz Island, central Aruba; and Savaneta at coastal southwest Aruba. These sites are situated more or less on one straight line to each other within 6.8 km between Tanki Flip and Santa Cruz and 8 km between Santa Cruz and Savaneta. Surface finding and excavation production in the subsoil of these sites suggest all three were large permanent inhabitant villages by generations during considerable periods of time.

Excavations between 1974 and 1976 yielded hundreds of postholes and other features, and Santa Cruz and Savaneta, respectively, 500 postholes and other features. Tanki Flip was excavated in 1995; excavations on the north part of this site resulted in the finding of larger oval structures and smaller round ones. Such quantity of the posthole concentrations suggested long periods of permanent inhabitation.

These are the three large villages, and only two sites are classified in the medium category: Tanki Lendert and Parkitenbos West. The extent and density of finds are considerable but less than the three earlier discussed sites. They are interpreted as permanent settlements for at least some decades by a considerable population.

Parkitenbos West is an exception within the group of 5 large/relatively large terrains. This site only yielded undecorated, coarse pottery up to now. All four other sites show evidence of appreciable quantities of Dabajuroiddecorated pottery. All these sites are now under the tread and menace of being developed with housing and commercial projects.

Aruba's cultural heritage is constantly threatened by many external and internal risks and elements. In order to preserve and use cultural heritage sites, objects, collections, or architectural heritage, one is required to be continuously aware of and manage numerous threats to prevent the loss of this heritage and its attributed cultural value. Being in responsible unison with other institutes, organizations, and amateurs for the preservation of Dutch Island cultural heritage, the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE) is well aware of this. The RCE implements policy, provides advice, and develops knowledge in order to carry out its mission.

If you liked our native stories and are interested in diving deeper into learning the true identity of Aruba, a visit to Etnia Nativa would be a fantastic choice. We have been a trendsetting entity since 1994, as a co-founder of projects such as Arikok National Park, the Archaeological Museum, and the Artisan Foundation, among others. Every week, this newspaper shares our valuable knowledge. Don't miss the opportunity to feel the island's spirit through our real stories that are not just remembered; they resonate, they're felt, and they stir souls to the bone. Book your visit: WhatsApp +297 592 2702 etnianativa03@gmail.com



Sun catchers: The different lizards in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Colorful or camouflaged, you're bound to encounter a variety of lizards basking in the sun or scurrying on their way in our island. From the charming, friendly iguanas to the good-luck gecko Pega-Pega, you're bound to meet a few of these special residents during your visit.

Aruba, as a desert island, is home to an incredible variety of unique and colorful species. Among them we can find different lizards, most of which have South American origins. But there are a few exceptions.





Iguanas are easy to spot, as they are larger than most other lizards and when young, have a bright green color that makes them stand out.

The iguanas usually found in Aruba are the Iguana iguana, known as the green iguana, or locally as Yuwana. The Yuwana are a mostly herbivorous species, and can grow up to 2 meters in size, including the tail, making them one of the largest in the iguana family. As you will see, despite their name, as they reach adulthood, the iguanas can take on a grey or blue tone instead of the bright green displayed by the young ones. In Aruba – as in the rest of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – the most usual color varies from green to lavender, black and sometimes a reddish brown.

Yuwana is a protected species, as it is listed under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), meaning that international trade is regulated through the CITES permit system. In the past, Arubans used to eat a popular Yuwana soup, as it was believed to give strength and help restore health – probably due to the protein boost it delivered. However, it is now illegal to catch, kill, buy or sell Yuwanas in Aruba, and this includes eating them!

Turnip-tailed gecko

The turnip-tailed gecko is known locally as the Pega-Pega, meaning sticky-sticky, due to the way it sticks to walls using the suction in its little fingers. They are found inside houses, and are mostly a nocturnal animal.

According to Etnia Nativa, the local Pega Pega is immediately recognizable by its large size, with a body length of up to 12 cm, and its large, swollen tail, approximately the same length or slightly shorter than its body; females are larger and more robust than males. It has short, robust legs with flattened toes and extensive basal



webbing.

The undersides of its toes are covered in lamellae, which are used as friction pads to cling to smooth vertical surfaces. Some can even walk around completely upside down. Its toes are covered with ridges, which are peppered with millions of microscopic bristle-like structures called setae that attach and detach when the animal wills them to, and they never get gunked up.

They are variable in coloration, from a mottled dark gray to orange-brown, and are capable of changing color depending on their mood and surroundings. Mottled and banded markings aid in camouflage against tree bark. They are harmless and fragile; you can hold one in your hands as long as you are VERY gentle.

Never put pressure on its tail because it will surely drop as a measure to try to distract the predator, and they are different from other lizards because they're long-lived, talkative, lack eyelids, and their small scales are situated next to each other like cobblestones rather than overlapping as is the case in most other lizards.

Turnip-tailed Geckos are insectivorous and feed on cockroaches, grasshoppers, beetles, flies, mosquitoes, and spiders, which makes them the best pest control to have at home! They spend their days concealed in dark tree grooves and cavities, in narrow crevices in the walls, or behind paintings, which provide the perfect shelter for them. Pega pega is a gecko endemic to our island, but in time, some 4–5 intrusive gecko species have been observed, some of which do not cease to amaze us with the racket they make, especially during the hours of the night.

The Pega-pega Phyllodactylus Julieni is also a protected species in Aruba, by law. It is illegal to kill them!

Blue Kododo



These are one of the most striking lizards in Aruba, recognizable by the male's bright blue color. The Aruban whiptail lizard, Cnemidophorus arubensis, is a species endemic to Aruba, meaning you can only find it here on our One Happy Island! They are also recognized as the most common and populous lizard on the island. While the male is blue with white dots, the female is brown with blue dots.

These charming lizards eat mostly plants, such as flowers, nectar, leaves and fruits, and occasionally enjoy some insects. They are selective in which plants they eat, because of the toxins present in many available plants species. The Kododo help take care of Aruba's vegetation by playing a significant role in the dispersal of seeds for certain plants: when they eat fruit, they excrete the seeds in diverse locations, contributing to the reproduction cycle of our local plants.

Striped anole



The striped anole (Anolis lineatus) that lives in Aruba is known locally as Waltaka or Toteki. This is a species of lizard in the family Dactyloidae, and they are native to Aruba and Curaçao. It is usually found in dry areas, commonly where there are not large trees; rather they enjoy rocks, walls or tree trunks, as they prefer to stay close to the ground.

These lizards are about 7cm in length, have a brown color with a stripe on each side and typically, several stripes on the body and tail that are lighter in color. It has a dewlap which is orange-yellow – and what's unique about this species is that it is the only known species of anole where the dewlap is asymetrically colored, with one side being a deeper orange and the other side a lighter yellow. Mostly this is seen in the males, as it is almost imperceptible in the females. If the Toteki shows you his dewlap, retreat! This is not a friendly greeting!

Lizards are wonderful creatures that are precious to our fragile, local ecosystem. Please be mindful of these residents as you enjoy your stay.

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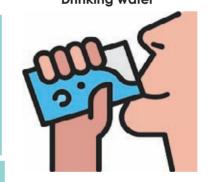
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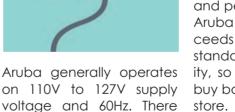


The water that through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Safety



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Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



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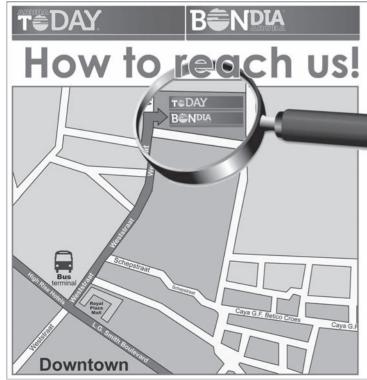
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Control the path and power of hurricanes like Milton? Forget it, scientists say

By MELINA WALLING and **SETH BORENSTEIN Associated Press**

Hurricanes are humanity's reminder of the uncontrollable, chaotic power of Earth's weather.

Milton's powerful push toward Florida just days after Helene devastated large parts of the Southeast likely has some in the region wondering if they are being targeted. In some corners of the internet, Helene has already sparked conspiracy theories and disinformation suggesting the government somehow aimed the hurricane at Republican voters.

Besides discounting common sense, such theories disregard weather history that shows the hurricanes are hitting many of the same areas they have for centuries. They also presume an ability for humans to quickly reshape the weather far beyond relatively puny efforts such as cloud-seeding.

"If meteorologists could stop hurricanes, we would stop hurricanes," said Kristen Corbosiero, a professor of atmospheric and environmental sciences at the University at Albany. "If we could control the weather, we would not want the kind of death and destruction that's happened."



Dustin Holmes, second from right, holds hands with his girlfriend, Hailey Morgan, while returning to their flooded home with her children Aria Skye Hall, 7, right, and Kyle Ross, 4, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Sept. 27, 2024, in Crystal River, Fla.

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Here's a look at what humans can and can't do when it comes to weather: The power of hurricanes, heightened by climate change

A fully developed hurricane releases heat energy that is the equivalent of a 10-megaton nuclear bomb every 20 minutes more than all the energy used at a given time by humanity, according to National Hurricane Center tropical analysis chief Chris Landsea.

And scientists are now finding many ways climate change is making hurricanes worse, with warmer oceans that add energy and more water in the warming atmosphere to fall as rain, said Chris Field, director of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment.

"The amount of energy a hurricane generates is insane," said Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach. It's the height of human arrogance to think people have the power to change them, he said.

But that hasn't stopped people from trying, or at least thinking about trying. Historical efforts to control hurricanes have failed

Jim Fleming of Colby College has studied historical efforts to control the weather and thinks humans have nowhere near the practical technology to get there. He described an attempt in 1947 in which General Electric partnered with the

U.S. military to drop dry ice from Air Force planes into the path of a hurricane in an attempt to weaken it. It didn't work.

"The typical science goes like understanding, prediction and then possibly control," Fleming said, noting that the atmosphere is far more powerful and complex than most proposals to control it. "It goes back into Greek mythology to think you can control the powers of the heavens, but also it's a failed idea."

In the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, the federal government briefly tried Project STORMFURY.

The idea was to seed a hurricane to replace its eyewall with a larger one that would make the storm bigger in size but weaker in intensity. Tests were inconclusive and researchers realized if they made the storm larger, people who wouldn't have been hurt by the storm would now be in danger, which is an ethical and liability problem, the project director once said.

For decades, the National Hurricane Center and its parent agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, have been asked about nuclear-bombing a hurricane. 🔲

Water gushes through sand dunes after a rare rainfall in the Sahara desert

By SAM METZ and BABA **AHMED Associated Press** RABAT, Morocco (AP) —

left blue lagoons of water amid the palm trees and sand dunes of the Sahara Southeastern desert, nourishing some of A rare deluge of rainfall its driest regions with more



Palm trees are reflected in a lake caused by heavy rainfall in the desert town of Merzouga, near Rachidia, southeastern Morocco, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024.

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water than they had seen in decades.

Morocco's desert is among the most arid places in the world and rarely experiences rain in late summer.

The Moroccan government said two days of rainfall in September exceeded yearly averages in several areas that see less than 250 millimeters (10 inches) annually, including Tata, one of the areas hit hardest. In Tagounite, a village about 450 kilometers (280 miles) south of the capital, Rabat, more than 100 millimeters (3.9 inches) was recorded in a 24-hour period.

The storms left striking im-

ages of water gushing through the Saharan sands amid castles and desert flora. NASA satellites showed water rushing in to fill Lake Iriqui, a famous lake bed between Zagora and Tata that had been dry for 50 years.

In desert communities frequented by tourists, 4x4s motored through the puddles and residents surveyed the scene in awe.

"It's been 30 to 50 years since we've had this much rain in such a short space of time," said Houssine Youabeb of Morocco's General Directorate of Meteorol-

Such rains, which meteo-

rologists are calling an extratropical storm, may change the course of the region's weather in months and years to come as the air retains more moisture, causing more evaporation and drawing more storms, Youabeb said.

Six consecutive years of drought have posed challenges for much of Morocco, forcing farmers to leave fields fallow and cities and villages to ration water.

The bounty of rainfall will likely help refill the large groundwater aquifers beneath the desert that are relied upon to supply water in desert communities.



Bill introduced to award 1980 'Miracle On Ice' US hockey team with Congressional Gold Medals

By STEPHEN WHYNO **AP Hockey Writer** WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday to award Congressional Gold Medals to the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" Olympic hockey team that defeated the heavily favored Soviet Union in Lake Placid, New York, at a period of high tension during the Cold War.

Congressman Pete Stauber, R-Minn., introduced the Miracle on Ice Congressional Gold Medal Act along with co-sponsors Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., Mike Quigley, D-III., and Bill Keating, D-Mass.

"What they did for our country at that moment, I'll never forget," Stauber said in a phone interview. "It's one of the defining sports moments in my lifetime, and I am so proud that we can give this Congressional Medal to each member of that Olympic team to say thank you for the memories we will never forget as a nation."

The plan would be for the creation of three medals: one to go on display at the U.S Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minnesota, another at the Lake Placid Olym-



In this Feb. 22, 1980, file photo, the U.S. hockey team celebrates with goalie Jim Craig after a 4-3 victory against the Soviet Union in a medal round match at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

pic Center and the third at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Stefanik, whose district includes Lake Placid, said the team "taught our nation how to believe in miracles." "(The) community is proud to be home of this historic and inspiring event, and as

we work to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 'Miracle on Ice,' this legislation honors our Olympic victors for their legendary achievement," Stefanik said. Keating said the victory "remains a timeless symbol of teamwork and unity in the face of adversity." Quigley called the medals "yet another chance to show the world where we stand in the fight for freedom."

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Stauber, who was 13 at the time before going on to play at Lake Superior State and a handful of years professionally in the minors, and his staff have been working with USA Hockey

to get this to the House floor for consideration. USA Hockey executive director Pat Kelleher urged fans to contact their congressional representatives to voice support for the measure, which is expected to be debated for consideration only after the election in the lame duck session of congress.

"I don't think anybody really has to think about whether they support it or not," Stauber said. "I hope all 535 members of congress reach the conclusion yes they deserve it and then the president signs it."

Commissioner Gary Bettman said the NHL enthusiastically supports the bill, calling the 1980 team's run "perhaps the most memorable and impactful achievement in the history of athletics."

The deaths of players in recent years, Mark Wells in May and Mark Pavelich in 2021, along with coach Herb Brooks in 2003, have added urgency to the pro-

"The timing for all of us is of the essence because we want these members to be able to cherish and appreciate this during their lifetime," Stauber said.

Former US coach Gregg Berhalter hired as coach of the Chicago **Fire**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Fire have hired former U.S. national team coach Gregg Berhalter to be the and director of football.

Berhalter was dismissed as U.S. coach in July, shortly after the team was eliminated in the group stage of the Copa America. It was his second stint with the national team.

He replaces current Fire coach Frank Klopas, who will step down after the team's final regular-season game on Oct. 19 to assume a new role as the team's vice president of football. Berhalter becomes the 10th

head coach in the Fire's

cago's sporting operations, including the senior team, Fire FC II, and the Chicago club's new head coach Fire Academy. "Chicago is an incredible city, built on communities of hardworking and passionate people who truly love soccer. I look forward to working alongside our staff and players to transform the Fire into a world-class organization that all our fans and the city can be proud of and will support," he said in a statement. Berhalter, 51, was the first American to coach the national team after playing for the team at a World Cup. He was originally hired to coach

history. He will oversee Chi- the U.S. in December 2018 Hammarby (2011-13) and

after stints with Sweden's the Columbus Crew (2013-



United States head coach Gregg Berhalter smiles from the bench before a CONCACAF Nations League final soccer match against Mexico, Sunday, March 24, 2024, in Arlington, Texas. **Associated Press**

18). "I'm confident that under his guidance, we will build on the foundation that has been laid over the past five years and be an organization that Chicago will be proud of and reflects the values of our city. I expect that Grega will create a competitive culture and return our club to its winning ways," Fire owner Joe Mansueto said in a statement. Berhalter led the United States to a 44-17-13 record during his tenure, taking the team to the round of 16 at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. His contract expired following the World Cup but he was rehired in June 2023.



Jets stunningly fire coach Robert Saleh after a 2-3 start and tab Jeff Ulbrich as interim

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr. **AP Pro Football Writer**

Robert Saleh insisted no one was panicked about the New York Jets' slow start. A day later, he was out of a job.

Owner Woody Johnson made the stunning decision Tuesday to fire Saleh five games into his fourth season after the team's 2-3 start following a 23-17 loss to Minnesota in London on Sunday.

"This morning, I informed Robert Saleh that he will no longer serve as head coach of the Jets," Johnson said in a statement issued by the team. "I thanked him for his hard work these past 3 1/2 years and wished him and his family well moving forward.

"This was not an easy decision, but we are not where we should be given our expectations. And I believe now is the best time for us to move in a different direction."

Saleh was 20-36 as coach of the Jets, who are trying to snap the NFL's longest active playoff drought at 13 seasons. The move marks the first time in Johnson's 25-year tenure that a head coach has been fired during the season.

Defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich will serve as interim coach for the rest of the season with the Jets maintaining expectations to make the playoffs.

"He is a tough coach who has the respect of the coaches and players on this team," Johnson said. "I believe he along with the coaches on this staff can get the most out of our talented team and attain the goals we established this offseason."

The surprising move came



New York Jets head coach Robert Saleh talks to reporters after an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, at the Tottenham Hotspur stadium in London.

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a day after Saleh said he was confident Aaron Rodgers and the Jets would be able to turn things around after losing two straight, including falling to undefeated Minnesota. Rodgers had his worst game with New York, throwing three interceptions.

"There's so much football to be played," Saleh said Monday. "There's so many things that we can get better at, and there's so many things that we can continue to build on, the things that we are doing well.

"So, I'm not panicked. Nobody in the building is panicked."

had seen enough from Saleh, who became the NFL's first coach fired this season. Saleh, who had one year remaining on his contract, had the worst winning percentage .357 of any Jets coach with at least 40 games.

It's the 12th time since 2000

that a team has changed coaches just five games or fewer into a season, with six coming in the last six seasons. Matt Rhule was the most recent, having been fired by Carolina after five games in 2022.

The Jets face the Buffalo Bills (3-2) on Monday night, when they have a chance to share the AFC East lead with a victory. But instead of Saleh, it will be the 47-year-old Ulbrich leading the team on the sideline.

Ulbrich, who played linebacker for 10 seasons with San Francisco, joined the Jets as part of Saleh's initial staff in 2021. Ulbrich was an But apparently Johnson an assistant with Atlanta for six seasons before coming to New York.

> Saleh replaced the fired Adam Gase in January 2021 after the Jets went 9-23 in his tenure. New York went after the energetic and well-regarded Saleh, who was the 49ers' defensive coordinator for four

seasons and oversaw a group that was ranked No. 2 overall and helped San Francisco reach the Super Bowl for the 2019 season.

Saleh, the son of Lebanese parents, was believed to be the first Muslim head coach in NFL history when the Jets hired him. Saleh wore a patch of Lebanon's flag on his left arm during the game in London on Sunday, something he also did at times last season. The NFL encouraged players and coaches to represent their heritage.

Saleh's tenure began with a major decision as he and general manager moved on from quarterback Sam Darnold the No. 3 overall pick in 2018 to draft Zach Wilson with the second overall pick in 2021.

While Saleh and Ulbrich's defense was a strength for the Jets, Wilson and the offense struggled mightily. Quarterback instability was a theme that was consistent throughout Saleh's tenure in New York.

The Jets traded for Rodgers in April 2023, adding the four-time NFL MVP to a franchise looking for a winner. But last season was shortcircuited when Rodgers tore his left Achilles tendon four snaps into his debut.

New York limped to a 7-10 record and while Johnson wouldn't specifically say there was a playoff mandate for this season, the owner made it clear he needed to see marked improvement from the team by saying "we have to do a lot better than seven games."

Rodgers healed and was ready for the season opener, but he has been banged up the last two weeks and is dealing with a sprained ankle that hobbled him throughout the Jets' loss to Darnold and the Vikings. Saleh said Monday that preliminary tests indicated Rodgers should be able to play against the Bills.

But now Saleh will be only a spectator.

There were questions about his relationship with the 40-year-old Rodgers, but both denied any friction as recently as last week in London when the quarterback said "there's some driving force trying to put a wedge outside the facility" between the two.

"We're really good friends," Rodgers said. "We enjoy each other.

We spend time almost every day in his office talking about things and talking about the energy of the team, focus of the team and what we need to get done, how I can help him out, how he can help me out. So we've got a great relationship."